

Yuma Parks & Recreation

CREATING COMMUNITY THROUGH PEOPLE, PARKS, AND PROGRAMS



AUGUST 2015

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month

August is Drowning Impact Awareness Month here in Arizona and with the summer temperatures reaching into the triple digits, water recreation is a common cure for the heat. Yuma has some great water recreation and we would like to take this time to pass along some water safety reminders.

Stay aware of your surroundings, water depths, water clarity, currents and other conditions. Be alert for holes, drop-offs, and channels where water depths can suddenly change. Be sure your swimming abilities are up to the conditions, always observe the "buddy system" and never swim alone.

Children should always have constant, responsible adult supervision around water. Never leave children unsupervised around water, and this is even more critical around rivers and lakes.

Be sure of your equipment. Always wear an approved Personal Flotation Device (PFD) when you are boating. Inflatable "pool toys" are not "approved" PFDs. It is especially important for children to wear PFDs when in or on natural waterways.

Alcohol can increase a person's risk of drowning. Alcohol can impair judgment and perception. Alcohol and water do not mix and this is especially true if you are supervising children. You do want to stay hydrated, but avoid heavily sugared, caffeinated, or alcoholic beverages.

"Tubing" on the river (or taking advantage of other local water

recreation activities) can be a lot of fun, with the right equipment and taking the proper precautions!

Finally, take advantage of our City pools: Valley Aquatic Center, Kennedy Pool and Marcus Pool which are all staffed by trained and certified Life Guards. Go to www.yumaaz.gov/parksandrec or call Yuma Parks and Recreation at 928-373-5200 for locations and current hours of operation during the summer.

For more information on water safety, contact the Yuma Fire Department Public Information Office at 373-4855.

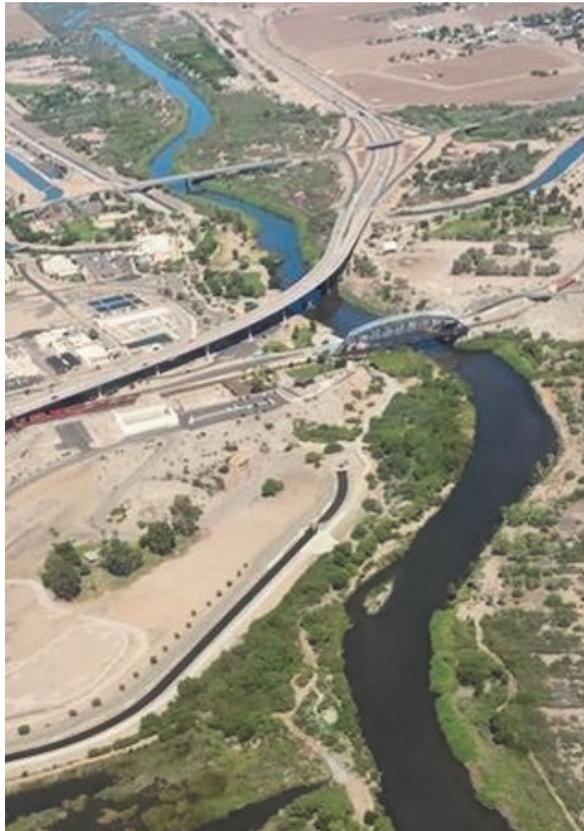


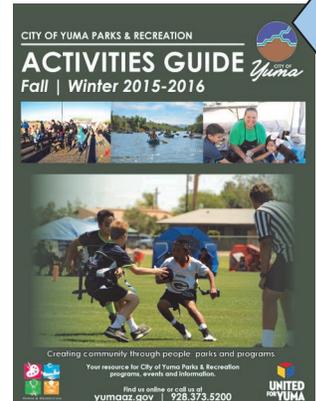
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Parks & Recreation Featured Activities

Splash Out Crime Night

Beat the heat! Come out and join 78-Crime Stoppers for a refreshing dip in the pool! There will be free swimming, DJ music, games, prizes and fun for the whole family.

Date: Saturday, August 1
Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Location: Valley Aquatic Center
Fee: \$1 per person



Yoga in the Park

Join us for Yoga in the Park! Learn how to combine physical postures, breathing, and relaxation. Note: We reserve the right to cancel class in the event of extreme heat.

Date: August 3-August 24
Days: Mondays
Time: 5:45 pm – 6:45 pm
Location: Smucker Park, Ramada #8
Ages: 14+
Fee: \$45

Crafts Uncorked

Cork Initial Art – we will be placing and arranging corks onto an initial letter to create art that is perfectly personalized for your home. Please bring 10 or more wine corks to class.

Date: Saturday, August 22
Time: 2:30 pm – 4:30 pm
Location: Yuma Civic Center
Ages: 21+
Fee: \$15

Sand Volleyball Tournament & BBQ

Sign up your team and compete in our last tournament of the season.
Date: August 15
Time: 8:00 pm
Location: Kennedy Sand Volleyball Courts
Ages: 14+
Fee: \$30 per team by Thursday, August 13th prior to tournament or \$40 per team per tournament on-site registration from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm



3rd Annual Woof Splash Expo

Bring your four-legged best friend (dog's only) out for a cool dip in the pool! Your pet will be able to frolic and play and make some new furry friends. We will have vendors on-site from local veterinary clinics, dog groomers, and Certified Canine Specialist, Tom Gross.
Date: Saturday, August 29
Time: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm
Location: Kennedy Pool
Fee: \$1 per dog
(Limit: 2 dogs per person)

PARKS MAINTENANCE



Recently staff from Parks and Recreation worked with representatives from Yuma School District One to expand the open space area, west of the sand volleyball courts at Kennedy Park. Gwyneth Ham Elementary School closed about four years ago. The land had been part of the school's playground area, with approximately three acres that had a playground and Ramada on-site. The District came to us and asked if we would like to utilize the property, to which we enthusiastically said yes! Although challenging, our staff worked with the school maintenance staff on locating all of the flood valves that were connected to two other schools. We isolated only the area we needed to irrigate so it would not flood the other school properties. Staff also removed the damaged fencing, allowing for two open space areas without any obstructions in between. With regular watering and the use of various fertilizers and herbicides to promote the health of the turf and kill the weeds, we are proud to say that we now have additional park open space for our youth and community to enjoy and utilize for sports, practice or play.

Desert Hills Golf Course

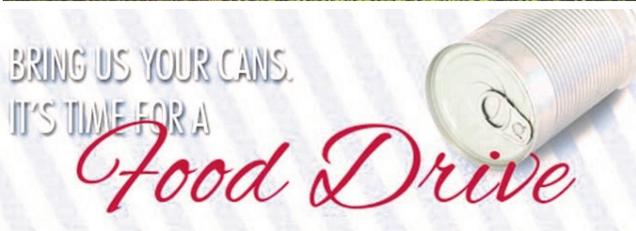
1245 W. Desert Hills Drive | 928-373-5220 | www.cityofyumagolf.com



Early Bird Special
thru August
Monday thru Friday
6 to 7 am
\$18.00 with cart



Twi-Lite League
\$30.00
5 pm Thursdays
thru August 27



Food Drive
\$.50 discount to golfers
for each canned good
to benefit the Yuma
Community Food Bank
July 20 thru Sept 27

Golf Tip

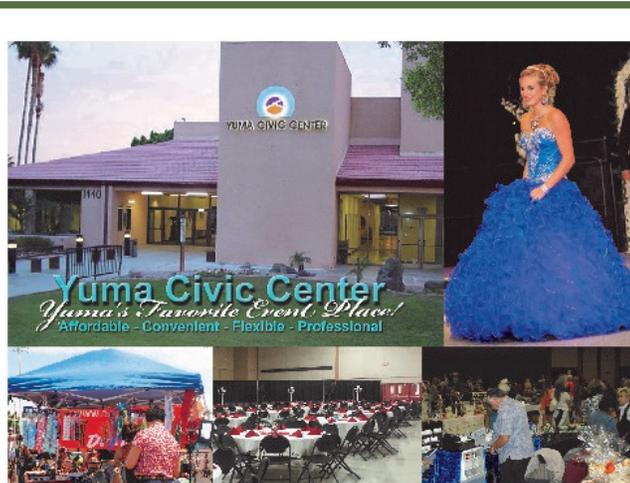
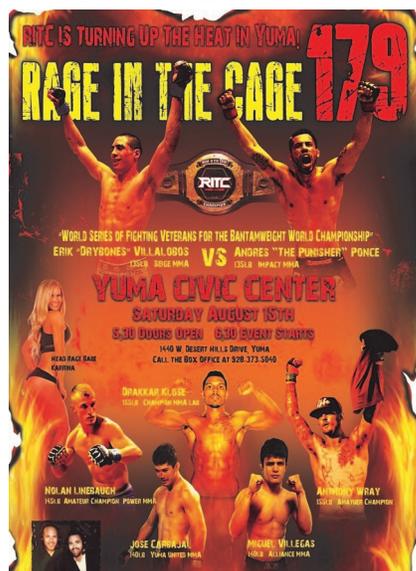
Having problems pitching the ball from 20 to 40 yards? Try this drill for a better motion and closer to the hole pitches. First drop about a dozen golf balls from 20 to 40 yards from your target. Then pitch each ball one handed, right hand if you're right handed and left hand if you're left handed. What this does is allow the club to work without tension and proper rotation of the club. Then pitch them again with both hands rotating the club back and thru tension free.

Yuma Civic Center

1440 W. Desert Hills Drive | 928-373-5040 | yumaaz.gov/parksandrec

Rage in the Cage 179

A 12-fight card MMA Cage Fighting event comes to the Civic Center on Saturday, August 15th, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Buy your tickets online at: yumaaz.gov/events



Book your event at the Yuma Civic Center

- » Meetings
- » School Events
- » Weddings
- » Baby Showers
- » Receptions
- » Tournaments
- » Quinceañeras
- » Play Groups

Contact the Yuma Civic Center to schedule your function today!

(928) 373-5040 | ycc@yumaaz.gov

Look Ahead

September

- 9/2 YPIC Job Fair
- 9/5-6 Yuma Territorial Gun Show
- 9/12 Fiestas Patrias
- 9/19 Wedding & Quinceañera Expo

The Yuma Art Center

The Yuma Art Center is getting ready for another amazing fall season full of exhibits, shows and classes. In order to help us prepare the facility the Yuma Art Center Galleries will be **closed August 11th through the 22nd** for painting. We will also be working in the Historic Yuma Theatre and the rest of the facility in order to bring you the best in local visual and performing arts experiences in our 2015-2016 season which is shaping up to be our best yet. The front desk will still be open and we will be here during that time to help our loyal patrons with purchasing show tickets and registering for classes.

Series Tickets!

Series tickets for all 4 of our Performing Artist Series are still on sale. Plus, at the end of September we will begin individual tickets sales for all of these incredible shows. These tickets go faster each year and we have been seeing more sell-outs than ever before so be sure to get yours early. We look forward to seeing all of our faithful concert goers back this year plus we welcome meeting new music lovers and making them part of our season family! See you at the show!

Class Registration

As we approach the fall months we will be taking registrations for the wide variety of classes that we offer local visual and performing art lovers. Some of our popular options include Salsa 101, Painting for Creativity, Art Exploration, and Twinkle Toes. These classes and more will be starting up at the end of August and we have offerings for all ages and skill levels. If you love the arts or just want to try something new and fun then give us a call and see how the Yuma Art Center can help you to become **'A Part of the Arts'**!

"The true work of art is but a shadow of the divine perfection." - Michelangelo

Summer Extravaganza!



The Yuma Art Center presents **"Guardians of the Galaxy"** at 2:00 pm.

After discovering a mysterious orb in another part of

the galaxy, Peter Quill from Earth is now the main target of a man-hunt led by the genocidal villain Ronan the Accuser. Being hunted across the galaxy, Quill gets lumped together with a group of misfits that need to learn how to get along before they can become the "Guardians of the Galaxy".

The Arizona Western College Foundation continues the long-running Thursdays at the Theatre Series on Thursday night August 20th at 7:00 pm with the coming of age film, **"Stations of the Cross"** from Germany. This movie is both an indictment of fundamental faith and the articulation of an impressionable teen's struggle to find her own path in life. Showtime is 7:00 pm and tickets are \$5 general admission or \$2.50 with a valid AWC/NAU student ID.

We would like to THANK the community for your support!

The Yuma Art Center

For more information or to purchase tickets:
 Call: (928) 373-5202 | Online: www.yumaz.gov/events
 Ticket Outlets: The Yuma Art Center | Parks & Recreation Department | Yuma Civic Center

On Saturday August 29th at 6:00 pm come down to the Historic Yuma Theatre to hear the musical stylings of lyric soprano **Jena Carpenter!** This amazing opera star will delight you with renditions of classical and Broadway favorites. This show is a benefit for our local PEO chapter AG in order to inspire students to higher education. It will also feature a silent auction with local artists during intermission. VIP tickets are \$25, presale tickets are \$10, and day of event tickets/at the door are \$15.

